

HOME EDITION

TO TAX POORER IN EFFORT TO GAIN REVENUE

Secretary McAdoo Proposes
Radical Change in Incomes.

Lower Exemption Limit \$3,000
Married, \$2,000 Single.

MAY TAX AUTOMOBILES, TOO

"Various Other Things" Send
Shudder to Burdened Citizen.

"People of America Have Reason
To Be Happy"—McAdoo.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Radical changes in the income tax to reach thousands not now subject to its provisions and to improve the machinery of collection were suggested to congress today in the annual report of Secretary McAdoo as means by which the greater part of the additional revenue needed to pay for the administration's national defense plans can be provided. The secretary proposed to lower the exemption limit to as low as \$2,000, and single persons with \$2,000 incomes. The exemptions now are \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively. Increases in the collection force, a requirement that returns must be made of gross income in place of net income, and a change in the tax shall not be withheld at the source, were among Mr. McAdoo's other suggestions. He made no estimate of the number of persons who might be taxed if the amendments were adopted, nor the amount that might be expected, but in connection with his request for a larger collection force, he pointed out that examination of the past personal and corporate returns showed that 63 per cent of those inspected disclosed that additional tax was due the government.

Would Tax Autos.

Mr. McAdoo expressed the belief that with a return of income in Europe customs receipts which fell off \$85,000,000 in the last year will increase and that the legislation suggested, with a provision to make the surtax of the income tax law applicable at \$10,000 instead of \$20,000, the whole part of the additional revenue can be raised. Taxes on gasoline, crude and refined oil, horsepower of automobiles and "various other things" suggested as further revenue raising measures.

The total estimated appropriation for fiscal 1916, which was \$1,255,857,808 including \$316,264,879 for the postoffice, which is reimbursable, and about \$90,000,000 for the Panama Canal and sinking fund. Receipts for the same year based on existing law without extension of the sugar duty or the emergency tax on automobiles, put at \$550,200,000 and ordinary disbursements at \$322,901,000, leaving an excess of \$177,100,000. An explanation in his recent statement, however, that amount would be increased to \$50,000,000 by the extension of the emergency and sugar tax laws.

Inaccurate Returns.

"Many inaccurate returns are made," said the report, "some deliberately and some ignorantly, and there are, without doubt, wholesale evasions of the law throughout the country. It is absolutely certain that the government is losing through inaccurate returns and evasions the sum of many times greater than the cost of the necessary field force to investigate and check the returns and bring to account those who are failing to make returns as required by law."

In keeping with his recent announcement, Mr. McAdoo suggested the present stamp tax and the existing duty on raw sugar should be retained in force and the government should issue of bonds is necessary either to provide for current expenses or in anticipation of added burdens incident to a policy of military preparedness.

"The policy of providing for the expenditures of the government by taxation and not by bond is sound and should be adhered to. A nation no more than an individual, can go constantly into debt for current expenditures without eventually impairing credit. A wise, sound and permanent policy of raising the additional revenue required for preparedness and the expenditures of the government should therefore be devised and adopted."

"The European war produced inevitable suffering in this country, as well as in Europe," said the secretary. "Our industrial situation, for a time, was seriously hurt, and cotton-growing states of the south sustained heavy losses through declines in the price of cotton. Every power of the government was exerted to mitigate the situation and I believe it is not too much to say that but for the active agency of the government in protecting and conserving the business of the country during that critical period grave disaster would have resulted. "It is a pleasure to acknowledge that the efforts of the government were seconded and supported by the earnest and patriotic co-operation of the business interests of the country. During the year there has been a steady, healthy, forward movement in every line of activity, and the country has been firmly established throughout the country."

Mr. McAdoo included letters from mercantile agencies to support his statement, and quoted figures on railroad and other business operations to show increased activity.

"The financial situation of this country," he continued, "has never been so strong and so favorable as now. Our financial resources are the greatest in our history, and our banking system, through the creation of the federal reserve system, is now the strongest in the world. In every re-

Trouble Is Brewing on Peace Ship

Aboard Peace Ship Oscar II, by Way of Wireless to Cape Race, N. E. Dec. 8.—All is not peaceful aboard Henry Ford's peace ship today. Rev. Charles F. Aked of San Francisco and several others who entertained some doubt as to the success of the peace plan, have asked to be "shown." They insist on being allowed to examine the documents that Mrs. Radcliffe Schwimmer asserted she had in her possession, providing that certain belligerents on both sides are not opposed to peace negotiations and that all neutrals favor the peace conference.

They also insist that Mrs. Schwimmer offer proof of her statements that unofficial representatives of belligerents will attend the Ford peace conference.

GERMANY YIELDS

No Explanation To Be Demanded
in Boy-Ed Case.

Bernstorff Reported to Have
Advised Acquiescence Policy.

CRISIS WITH BERLIN PASSING

Marked Air of Relief Felt in
Official Circles.

Final Word From Germany
Expected Within 48 Hours.

New York, Dec. 8.—Captain Boy-Ed and Captain Von Papen, the German embassy attaches, will leave next Tuesday in response to the demand for their recall, according to reports reaching this afternoon.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Emperor William has a personal interest in the withdrawal of Capt. Franz von Papen, attaché of the German embassy here, state department officials have been informed that as attaché of the emperor, he personally will in all probability give the orders for their recall.

It is understood that officials considered it probable that the Berlin foreign office was prompted to ask what caused the action of the United States in declaring that attachés persona non grata so that when report of the incident is made to the emperor it may be complete in all details.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Germany is yielding. This was the belief of officials today, causing marked relaxation of tension over German-American relations. Unofficial information reaching the state department today led to the belief that Germany shortly will agree to the request for the recall of Captains Boy-Ed and Von Papen, embassy attaches.

While the crisis in the dispute with Germany was not considered past, and future complications from investigation of pro-German activities were averted, there was a marked air of relief in official quarters.

Word is expected within forty-eight hours either from Ambassador Gerard or Ambassador Bernstorff, of the retirement of Boy-Ed and Von Papen. These would be official statements from which the administration based this hope.

It is now believed Secretary Lansing's official statement that Boy-Ed and Von Papen have become persona non grata because of military activities, will be accepted without further delay. The secretary's statement would risk an open breach of diplomatic relations rather than relate the reasons for action against the attaches.

Possible departure of Von Papen and Boy-Ed before formal announcement is made, has been reported. Negotiations probably will be resumed to secure safe conduct for the attaches.

The belief prevailed in official circles that Ambassador Bernstorff would not be able to inform Secretary Lansing that the wishes of the United States would be complied with before Saturday at the earliest.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—King Nicholas of Montenegro has suggested to the entente ambassadors that Montenegro be allowed to declare its neutrality, peace, because the country is exhausted, according to a report published in the Frankfurter Zeitung today.

The ambassadors have replied that if Montenegro attempts to make a separate peace, they will break off diplomatic relations and withdraw the assistance hitherto given Montenegro, the newspaper asserted.

BLOW OPEN SAFE Bandits Rob the Bank of Fostoria This Morning.

Noise of Explosion Arouses
Citizens of the Town.

BLOODHOUNDS BROUGHT IN

A Posse Headed by the Sheriff
Is in Pursuit.

Amount of the Loss Has Not
Been Ascertained.

Fostoria, Kan., Dec. 8.—A band of bank robbers came into town between 1:30 and 2 o'clock this morning, blew the safe in the Dunn State bank, and escaped with approximately \$1,000.

The noise of the explosion when the safe was blown aroused the citizens and a posse was formed hurriedly to search for the bandits. It is believed that there were three or four men in the party but no one seems to know a bank robbery.

Two bloodhounds were brought from Beatrice, Neb., this morning and put on the trail of the robbers. Sheriff Bert Kerney of Pottawatomie county took charge of the case and is conducting the search.

"We haven't been in the safe since the robbery so do not know just how much money was taken," said W. D. Dunn, cashier of the bank, this morning. "The robbery occurred between 1:30 and 2 o'clock and the people at the hotel were awakened by the explosion. We don't know how the robbers got away as no one saw them. We have no idea which direction they took, but the bloodhounds are being taken up the scent and give us some idea."

The entire front of this bank building was blown out by the force of the explosion. This is the first time in the history of Fostoria that there has been a bank robbery.

The Dunn State bank is capitalized at \$10,000. J. W. Dunn, of Onaga, is president of the bank, and W. D. Dunn is cashier.

W. W. Bowman, secretary of the Kansas Bankers' association, whose headquarters are in Topeka, was notified this morning of the robbery but he was unable to give any details of the case.

BROKE HER HEART

M'selle Selbini Wails Over Cru-
elty of Manager Crawford.

He Made Her Wear Tights
Instead of Gaze Trunks.

Ooh-ooh-ooh! How angry is Made-moiselle Lila Selbini, playing at the Hip theater the first half of this week. "So heartless as a manager here," she wailed. "He sees so heartless, with no sense or beauty. My heart—it was broken and I shall never forgive him."



"Ees Eet Not Bee-oo-ful!" So the mademoiselle expressed herself to an interviewer last night. Petite, dainty and angry—and attired in a suit of semi-transparent skin (Continued on Page Two.)

SHE WANTS PEACE

Montenegro Seeks to Withdraw
From the War.

Allies Won't Permit Her to
Sue for Terms.

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GOOD FOR HONOLULU!

Island Wants National Republican
Convention—Promises to Char-
ter Two Ships.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Honolulu will make an effort to obtain the national Republican convention and to that end the island residents have pledged \$100,000 and in addition are prepared to charter two ships to carry the delegates, according to Lorrain Andrews, Republican national committeeman from the territory of Hawaii, en route to Washington today.

England May Take Forces From Balkans

Paris, Dec. 8.—That England, against the wishes of her allies, favors withdrawal of the expeditionary forces from the Balkans, was strongly hinted following today's session of the allies' war council.

SERB DRIVEN BACK

Bulgarians Have Little Trouble
in Quick Invasion.

French, Too, Suffer a Defeat at
Hands of Enemy.

BOMBARDMENT OF GORIZIA

Shells Strike Buildings, Stop-
ping Business Activity.

Department of Commerce and
Industry to Vienna.

Sofia, Dec. 8.—The following statement was given out by the Bulgarian war office today: "The Serbs, who have been driven back by the Bulgarians, have suffered a defeat at the hands of the French, who are retreating."

A column advancing north of Manastir across the Smelevo toward the road from Manastir to Resna defeated the Serbs after severe fighting at Bigla mountain and occupied the town of Resna.

A column advancing north of Manastir toward Ochrida captured after bitter resistance strongly fortified position near the villages of Medovo and Miranorac and is now marching towards Ochrida.

A column advancing from Kichevo towards Dibra after a sanguinary battle defeated the Serbs and captured the mountain toward noon occupied Dibra from which place they are pursuing the enemy in the direction of Struga.

On the Serbo-Montenegrin front near Diakova and Kukuluma our troops are endeavoring to capture material which the Serbo-Montenegrin troops abandoned.

CAPTURE U. S. SHIP

Standard Oil Steamer Taken,
Says Page in Rome.

Mystery Is Surrounding Fate of
the Communipaw.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The state department received late today a dispatch from Ambassador Page at Rome, stating that he had been informed that the steamer Communipaw had been captured and taken to a port unnamed in his message. The source of his information and the nationality of the captors were not mentioned.

London, Dec. 8.—Sharp contradiction concerning the fate of the American steamer Communipaw made it uncertain this afternoon whether the oil tanker was actually attacked by a submarine. Rome dispatches repeated the report that the American steamer had been sunk by a submarine and declared it was believed that the thirty-nine members of the crew had lost their lives.

London, Dec. 8.—A telegram from Alexandria, Egypt, received today by Lloyd says that the American steamship Communipaw reported sunk off the coast of Egypt. The steamer arrived at Alexandria on Monday and is inferred that possibly some confusion has arisen in regard to the identity of the vessel torpedoed.

If the report of the torpedoing of the Communipaw is substantiated, she must have disappeared her cargo of oil and have been on the way to another port when attacked. It is recalled that the point at which the Communipaw is said to have been sunk corresponds closely to the position of the American tank ship Petrolite when it was attacked by a submarine.

The announcement from Rome of the torpedoing of the Communipaw said she had been sunk near Tobruk, Tripoli. The steamer was given as off the southeast coast of the island of Crete. The island lies directly north of Tripoli, about 200 miles from the African coast.

The dispatch came from Captain Nordstrom of the Communipaw and was given out by Lloyd E. Warden, manager of the foreign shipping department of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

NO SESSION TODAY

Washington, Dec. 8.—Congress was not in session today. Both houses adjourned until Friday in order to complete the organization of working committees.

NO WORK--SUICIDE

Topekan Took Life Because He
Couldn't Earn Money.

Leaves Wife and Two Children
to Care for Themselves.

TOOK 15 GRAINS STRYCHNINE

Terrible Death Grip to Wm.
Jennings, 363 Green St.

"Good-Bye, I'm Going," He
Whispered to Troubled Wife.

Despondent over his many unsuccessful attempts to obtain steady employment, William E. Jennings, age 39, 363 Green street, Oakland side, committed suicide this morning at 8:30 o'clock by taking 15 grains of strychnine. Jennings was a laboring man.

The tragedy took place in a bedroom of the little cottage where the Jennings family live. Jennings is survived by his wife, Hermella, and two stepchildren, Nina, age 7, and Luanita, age 4. Jennings obtained the strychnine, which he swallowed, from a North Topeka drug store last Monday. His wife was not aware that his intentions were to take his own life until this morning just after he swallowed the poison. He told the druggist that he wanted the poison to kill rats.

Jennings carried the package of strychnine in his pocket until this morning. His wife noticed that he was "studying over something," but thought it was a book. She was working in the kitchen when he called to her. He was lying in bed, his face pale and drawn. "Good-bye," he whispered. "I'm going." Mrs. Jennings was stunned for a moment and then understood.

"Yes, my God yes," she cried in my pocket—but it's empty. I cannot stand it to face the world without my God. I don't love you all!"

"My God! Don't you love us all?" shrieked Mrs. Jennings. "Yes, my God yes," the man almost shrieked. Then, Mrs. Jennings told a reporter this morning, "he took both his hands and crushed them until they ached." Jennings died ten minutes after he had taken the big dose of poison.

"The doctor's relatives say he only made six dollars—barely enough to keep the wolf from the door. Three doctors were summoned but Jennings died before they arrived. Coroner Rinehart was at the house a few minutes after the doctors left. There were no relatives present."

ST. LOUIS WINS

Democrat National Convention
Goes to the Missouri City.

Polls Majority of Votes Over
Chicago and Dallas.

Washington, Dec. 8.—St. Louis is the place and June 14 the date of the next Democratic national convention. This was decided today by the Democratic national committee which had completed its work today after placing itself on record in favor of the reelection of President Wilson.

The committee heard without action pleas for and against early suffrage. Members were the luncheon guests of President Wilson at the White House today.

Rush for Reservations. St. Louis, Dec. 8.—News that the Democratic national committee had awarded the 1916 convention to St. Louis had hardly been received here when the rush for reservations began.

Among those who made reservations were the Michigan, Maryland and Louisiana delegations, the southern Missouri Democratic club, individual delegates to the convention from many states and newspapers of New York, Chicago, Cleveland and Dallas.

SETTLED WEATHER.

Fair and Continued Mild Tempera-
tures Are Forecast for
Next 24 Hours.

The fair weather promised by the forecast is here today and the end of it is not yet in sight, he claims. For tonight and Thursday, fair weather and moderate temperatures are forecast. Shippers' forecast advises the protection of all thirty-six hour shipmen against the following temperatures: North and west, 25 to 30 degrees; south and east, above freezing. The average temperature during the next thirty-six hours will not slip below the freezing point.

The lowest temperature during the past twenty-four hours was recorded at 5:30 o'clock this morning when the thermometer registered 34 degrees. The coldest of the mild variety is unusual at this time in the year, although the mercury crept to 64 degrees on this date in 1904.

Following are hourly temperature readings of today:
9 o'clock...35 11 o'clock...45
8 o'clock...37 12 o'clock...50
10 o'clock...39 1 o'clock...55
9 o'clock...40 2 o'clock...53

SIX BABIES ARE BORN IN GERMANY FOR EACH WAR DEATH. SAYS HUDSON MAXIM



Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Maxim.

"Germany's strongest arm is her women. Germans are being born six times as fast as they are being killed. Germany's supply of soldiers cannot be exhausted with such a birth rate."

Hudson Maxim, inventor of rapid fire guns, and gun silencers, author of "Defenseless America," and advocate of extreme military preparedness for the United States, is the author of the above statement.

T. R. ON MESSAGE RUINED BY KISSES

Roosevelt Shoots Wilson Docu-
ment Full of Holes.

He Pokes Fun at President's
"Fierce Jealousy" Assertion.

"BUSH BEATING" IS CHARGED

Words Manipulated to Cover
Up Dishonorable Inaction.

Administration Is Criticized for
Its Secretive Policies.

New York, Dec. 8.—Former President Theodore Roosevelt Tuesday night made a bitter attack on President Wilson's message to congress. He said:

"At the outset, President Wilson, speaking of the war, says: 'We have stood apart studiously neutral. It was our manifest duty to do so.' Further on he says: 'We are fiercely jealous of aggression from without.'"

"What does Mr. Wilson mean when in one line he says that we have stood apart studiously neutral, and in the next line he says that we are 'fiercely jealous of aggression from without'?"

Belgium's Case. "He can take either of the two positions but he cannot take both. Did he not say that Belgium demand security for Belgium to prosecute its self chosen lines of national development?"

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2 DIE IN HOTEL FIRE

Louisville Firemen Rescued Fifteen
Guests From Burning Structure.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 8.—Two men were burned to death and ten others injured, one seriously, here early today when fire partly destroyed the Seventh Avenue hotel.

Police and firemen rescued fifteen guests while twenty-five others safely made their own way to the streets clad only in their night clothes.

HOLLY LEAVES ARE RED WITH BULGAR BLOOD

Christmas Mourning for Armies
Fighting in Struminitza.

Bodies of French and British
Among Holiday Berries.

CHARGE OVER HILLS LIKE MAD

Heroes of Balkan Wars Meet
Cold Steel of Zouaves.

"D— the Holly," Cry the
Homesick Australian Lads.

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD.

Salonica, Dec. 6.—Delayed.—A fierce battle is being fought on the Christmas holly wood near Struminitza. The Bulgarians have been attacking the Anglo-French position since early Saturday. Their attacks thus far have been repulsed with heavy losses.

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